The table below gives a summary of the various arguments for leaving the EU as they stood at the beginning of June 2016. After the table you will find links to sites where you can get information, some of it neutral and some of it not, all of them longstanding authors on the topic, as well as a look at the picture of what the UK will look like after leaving, a picture that has been in place for a decade or more.

Argument	The Facts
1. The Vision of a FREE England	Leaving the EU will allow us in England to get back the human and legal rights we gained from the Magna Carta in 1215, the English Bill of Rights 1689 and English Common Law and have lost due to the EU. We will be trading with 160+ countries on mutually agreed terms and not those of the EU. The growth in trade and the ending of mass immigration will mean more jobs, especially for the young and housing and public services will be more easily available. We will be a more dynamic, more free, more exciting and wealthier society for everyone.
2. Leaving an UNDEMOCRATIC EU Super State that *". . . exceeds the wildest imperial visions of a Napoleon or a Hitler"* – David Starkey 2012	The Council of Ministers works on setting EU objectives. Its civil services prepares drafts for Ministers who rubber stamp an estimated 85% of the proposals. Subsequently these can become UK law as Statutory Instruments which are nodded through by Parliament. ***At this level there is NO democratic process!*** The Commission is the EU civil service. It drafts legislation and so the national makeup of its staff will reflect the influence of each nation on that legislation. Britain has around 13% of the EU population. Yet in 2011 the UK had ONLY 4% of the staff! Influence we have NOT. The UK in 2016 has 4 out of the top 37 (10.8%) Commission civil servants and across the top 5 grades we have 384 (down from 458 in 2011) out of a total of 4,801 or 8%. Out of the 13,610 "fast stream" AD staff the UK has 674 or 5%. So Britain's influence on EU legislation is small and getting smaller as time moves on and higher grades retire and lower grades are promoted to their place. We have an even lower percentage of support staff. http://ec.europa.eu/civil_service/docs/europa_sp2_bs_nat_x_grade_en.pdf ***So NO democratic representative process here!*** The European Parliament whilst elected has no power to introduce legislation (the Commission only has this power), none to throw out proposed legislation and limited powers of amendment – described by Janice Atkinson MEP as the power to change the punctuation, only. ***So NO democratic process at this level.*** In other words the citizens of EU countries have no means to exert power on the state, other than through violent means. They are subservient to the State and states where their citizens are subservient to them are FASCIST states. Continental Europe is the birthplace and home of Fascism. During the 20th century there were about 10 fascist states in operation at one time or another; they included Germany. Spain. Portugal, Italy, Bulgaria, Rumania, Austria, Albania, Greece, Hungary, Slovakia, Croatia. Many were thankfully short-lived and were closed down when the Allies (for the main part just the USA and the UK) defeated fascism. The Commission is focused on closer and closer political integration and building the European Super State replete with foreign embassies, its own military with a navy, air force and army gained by taking over the military of its member states. It aims to forbid referendums and make criticism of itself a crime. The EU Super State "is deeply rooted in the political developments of the last five hundred years". "The EU. . . embodies in an extreme form the bureaucratic structures of Absolutist France and it aspires consciously to a European Union which, in extent and completeness, exceeds the wildest imperial visions of a Napoleon or a Hitler". Both quotes David Starkey in his foreword to "The EU in a Nutshell" by Lee Rotherham 2012. At an EU sponsored "Citizen's Debate" in London Viviane Redding, the Luxembourg union boss now vice-President of the European Commission told the debate that British Sovereignty was a myth and that voters here were not qualified to vote in the referendum. Later on discovering her clothes & jewellery had been stolen she said "It will be really

	difficult to replace . . . My earrings have been on pictures worldwide" – How fascist can you get? http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2014/02/11/brits-too-ignorant-to-choose-their-european-fate-says-eu-bureaucrat/ So the EU is a **wannabe Fascist Super State**, something that our parent's/grandparent's generation fought against and in some cases died to defeat, and whose aspirations so evocatively remembered by the white crosses in war cemeteries around the world, we dishonour by remaining a part of. We should get OUT!
3. Getting our FREEDOMS back	Civil liberty and freedoms, democratic representative government and the right to innocence unless proven guilty were either invented, or adopted and improved, in England over the 1200 or so years from their starting point in Anglo-Saxon England to the present period. They had little existence in continental countries over the same period. Anglo-Saxon England (927AD – 1066AD) was governed by representative councils, or parliaments in today's language, for nearly 150 years. Both the King of England and the Church had to obey parliament – something that did not exist in continental Europe. With the exception of the Church this continued under the Norman kings (who thought that English law and governance was the best in the world) and those who followed. A parliament in 1188AD first set down the principle that approval of taxation could only be done by those who represented those who would pay the tax. The first representatives elected to parliament attended a parliament in 1254. Eventually the English had to execute a King (Charles I in 1643) who thought himself above Parliament and wished to make the people of England subject to the state (ie himself). England has had the right to be ruled by representative parliaments for 1100 years and the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms that came before that for a further 325+ years. From this arrangement and the English Common Law have come all our rights and liberties. And it is because we are now ruled by an EU system that stands against this that we are starting to lose those rights. These rights were restated in Article 2 of the English Bill of Rights 2015 by the Parliament for England http://hertsengdem.org/?page_id=8803. The **European Arrest Warrant has removed** two of our most important rights from us. Under it British citizens can, and have been, removed without benefit of legal representation to European jurisdictions where justice can be delayed by 2 - 4 years without any reliable evidence or even without any offence having been committed. **The EU now makes decisions on VAT**, e.g. the tampon tax, and is now busting its way into corporation tax and its rules on the movement of capital and trade means that we can no longer collect the taxes we should from multi-national companies. We have no democratic representation in the making of these decisions In the modern day Britain introduced the right to holiday pay in 1938, Equal Pay in 1970, Race Discrimination in 1965, Sex discrimination 1975. The maternity grant was introduced in 1911 and the maternity allowance in 1948 and statutory Maternity Pay in 1985. We now have one of the most liberal regimes for maternity leave and maternity pay, and amongst the highest minimum pay levels for those in work and so on. https://twitter.com/GreggatQuest/status/740985267230810113
4. Easily available FREE trade with 160 countries	Under Article 34 of the Vienna Convention of the Succession of States the UK will not need to renegotiate the EU trade agreements with other countries – we need only agree with the other country to continue the trade deal. "The picture that has consistently emerged throughout this research paper, is one of protectionist EU trade policies actively hindering UK trade. Though the UK's market is certainly smaller than the EU's, I have demonstrated that a more nimble Britain would almost certainly be able to negotiate deep and comprehensive deals with the largest economies in the world" - Brexit and Free Trade – The Bruges Group. Lawyers for Britain said "We conclude that fears that the UK would be involved in years of uncertain negotiations after Brexit **have no basis in reality"**

	http://www.lawyersforbritain.org/articles.shtml
5. INCREASED economic growth	Open Europe have forecasted that outside the EU the UK GDP could be 1.6% higher in 2030. http://openeurope.org.uk/intelligence/britain-and-the-eu/what-if-there-were-a-brexit. Professor Patrick Minford (one of Margaret Thatcher's advisors) projects that remaining in the EU will reduce the UK's growth by 0.5% per year. By 2035 this means that UK GDP will be 9% lower than if we left. In today's terms this means that if we had left the EU we would have a government tax take of, roughly, some £60bn more – goodbye to austerity. Minford also puts the annual cost of EU membership at a minimum of 12.5% of national income. Tim Congdon in his 2015 edition of "What does the EU Cost Us" estimates that this is 12% of our national output or about £190 billion. If all of this was removed (be careful here as it would not happen immediately) it could result in another £40 billion of taxes raised. Leaving the EU would decrease unavoidable EU costs thereby allowing the government more leeway in its economic decisions to take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves to the UK in the future. These are likely to improve our economic performance.
6. Escaping the EU Car Crash – the UK "Get Out of Jail FREE" card	The truth is that the economic foundations of the EU are currently built on sand. Their efforts to alter this are already known. They include taking over the national government budgets of ALL EU countries, whether they are in the euro-zone or not. They include tight regulation of financial institutions which will cripple the City of London's ability to compete in world markets. They include ever closer integration of Eurozone countries that will effectively side-line the economies of non euro-zone countries. There are only two countries, UK and Denmark, that have permanent opt-outs from the euro-zone. This means that in 5 – 8 years we will be only 2 out of 32+ countries. We will never win or influence a decision where it is 2 against 30. We will be effectively side-lined with no more influence on what happens in the single market than if we were out of the EU. Leaving the EU will have the advantage of insulating us from what is currently forecast as likely to be a mandatory bail-out of the euro-zone. It also means that this weakness in the EU economy will benefit the UK after leaving the EU in its negotiations over free access to the EU single market without freedom of movement of labour. "There is an economic and social emergency in France. We face an uncertain economic climate and persistent unemployment" - Francois Hollande– President of France - BBC News 18 Jan 2016. Much of the euro-zone is an economic disaster. Greece, Portugal, Italy, Spain and Ireland have been in special measures. Greece is still a mess. On 26 May 2016 Reuters reported on renewed concerns about the health of Spanish banks. Portuguese banks are still suspect (The Independent 22 Feb 2016). Both Italy and France are currently in a debt trap for which, to escape from, growth in the economy must be at least double the current rate. There is no sign that this will occur. Unemployment rates remain above 10% overall and youth unemployment is 20%+. The web site Investopedia.com published an article in March discussing the "6 Factors that Point to A Global Recession in 2016" and, yes, the EU-euro-zone was one of those factors but BREXIT was not even mentioned. On 22nd February The Telegraph published an article stating that a global recession was on its way. This time the economic forces described were so large that the EU was not even mentioned, let alone BREXIT.
7. SAVING NHS England	TTIP, the free trade agreement with the USA would irrevocably change the NHS to one with a very high involvement of private enterprise, as indeed is that of much of that in the EU. As with them this may lead to an insurance based health care system in the UK by 2030. TTIP is still going ahead – do not believe tales that say otherwise.

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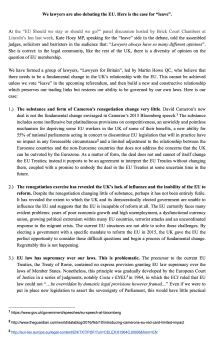
Open Europe http://openeurope.org.uk

Altematives to the EU: http://www.brugesgroup.com/alternatives-to-the-eu
Rebuttals: http://www.brugesgroup.com/media-centre/rebuttals
Book titles include "The City of London in Retreat", "Britain's Global Leadership" All £5 ea.
Resources: Training videos for activists, leaflets, occasional papers (free download)

"Should Britain Leave the EU? An Economic Analysis of a Troubled Relationship" 2nd Ed. Prof. P Minford, Cardiff University
"Certain features of our results stand out. First it is quite against Britain's interests to join the Euro . . . one can expect endless pressure to abandon our opt-out" "Second, the UK would be better off with free trade, unbound by the EU's customs union policies." "Third, it would be better off without EU regulations of the labour market and with its own regulations of product markets, especially those in finance." https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/should-britain-leave-the-eu?_website_uk_warehouse

"Tackling the EU Empire: Basic Critical Facts on the EU/Eurozone" Dr. Anthony Coughlin, Professor Emeritus, Trinity College, Dublin. FREE Download

Could Jean Monnet have been a CIA stooge? Was the EU setup as a result of a USA foreign policy objective to defend the USA from Soviet aggression by making Europe the killing fields of the next war in order to slow down and perhaps cripple the Soviet Union? Read this report and make up your own mind! http:/www.brugesgroup.com/media-centre/papers/8-papers/1116-tackling-the-eu-empire



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http://www.lawyersforbritain.org/files/article-reason-for-lawyers-for-britain.docx